

SCCC – DEFEATING MY GIANTS

S – Scriptures

“Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.” I Samuel 17: 38-39

C – Consideration

The giant Philistine was challenging the Israeli army to find one warrior to fight against him, each one would represent their nation. For forty days, the monster shouted while the Hebrews trembled in fear, unable to find a man to battle Goliath. Without knowledge about the matter, the young shepherd David showed up in the camp and heard the giant's demands, so David volunteered for the combat. Saul, the king, placed on David the army's uniform, but he got in trouble with it, “I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” God sent David to the camp that day to show Israel how they had lost their spiritual senses and to bring them back to faith through the action of his servant David. Years earlier He sent Moses to rescue them from another giant, who oppressed them for centuries, the Pharaoh. Like David, all Moses had, was a staff in his hand. David, led by the Holy Spirit, took Saul's military paraphernalia off, took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, and, with his sling in his hand he said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves, for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands.” Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

C – Commitment

The apostle Paul, instructing the church, said “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with^(E) are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” As Christians, we face different giants in our journey. It could be addictions, hostility from unbelievers such as bullying, persecution in our workplace; negative emotions such as fears, skepticism, anger, cynicism, or sinful misbehavior. The narrative showed that human weapons will not help to overcome our enemies. We need to be dressed up by God's amour, as declared by the Apostle, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the

belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

C – Call

Lord, as Israel and Goliath, sometimes my enemies shout so loud, they seem invincible when they come against me. My God, help me to act like David, confessing to these giants that You are the One who fights for me. And, by Your power I will not just kill them, but remove their heads; therefore, they will not attack my mind with their lies. With God, I will gain the victory, and He will trample down my enemies. In Jesus’ name. Amen!